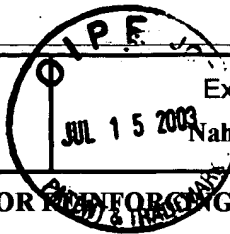

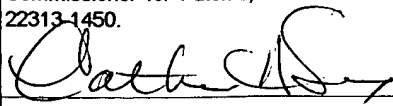


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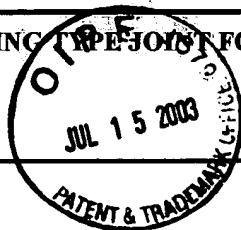
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AMENDMENT/RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action dated April 10, 2003, please amend the above-entitled application as follows.

Amendments to the specification are reflected in the listing that begins on page 2 of this paper. Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper. Remarks/arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.

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